

Remarks

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4, 6, 9, 13, and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,286,038 of *Reichmeyer et al.* ("*Reichmeyer*").

Claims 2-3, 5, 14-15, and 17-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of *Reichmeyer*.

Claims 7-8, 10-12, and 19-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of *Reichmeyer* and U.S. Patent No. 6,591,367 of *Kobata et al.* ("*Kobata*").

Claims 1-20 have been cancelled.

New claims 21-42 have been added.

Applicant respectfully submits that new claim 21 is not anticipated by *Reichmeyer* because *Reichmeyer* does not disclose a device that obtains configuration data from a configuration server by identifying the configuration server using a URL as claimed in new claim 21. Instead, *Reichmeyer* discloses a network device that obtains network configuration parameters by identifying a central configuration server 26 using an IP address. (*Reichmeyer*, col. 7, lines 63-67).

Given that new claims 22-32 depend from new claim 21, it is submitted that new claims 22-32 are not anticipated by *Reichmeyer*.

It is also submitted that new claim 33 is not anticipated by *Reichmeyer*. New claim 33 is a method for configuring a device that includes limitations similar to the limitations of new claim 21. Therefore, the remarks stated above with respect to new claim 21 and *Reichmeyer* also apply to new claim 33.

Given that new claims 34-42 depend from new claim 33, it is submitted that new claims 34-42 are not anticipated by *Reichmeyer*.

Applicant submits that new claims 21-42 are not obvious in view of *Reichmeyer* because *Reichmeyer* does not disclose or suggest obtaining configuration data from a configuration server by identifying the configuration server using a URL as claimed in new claims 21-42. Instead, *Reichmeyer* discloses obtaining network configuration parameters by identifying a central configuration server 26 using an IP address. (*Reichmeyer*, col. 7, lines 63-67). In fact, the teachings of *Reichmeyer* are an extension of the dynamic host configuration protocol (DHCP) for assigning IP addresses to servers and clients. (*Reichmeyer*, col. 4, lines 31-38). In contrast, device configuration according to new claims 21-42 enables configuration of sensor, actuator, and control system behaviors of a device. (See pages 6-9 of Applicant's specification).

Applicant further submits that new claims 21-42 are not obvious in view of *Reichmeyer* and *Kobata*. Applicant has shown that *Reichmeyer* does not disclose or suggest obtaining configuration data from a configuration server by identifying the configuration server using a URL as claimed in new claims 21-42. *Kobata* does not disclose or suggest obtaining configuration data from a configuration server by identifying the configuration server using a URL as claimed in new claims 21-42. Instead, *Kobata* discloses a system for protecting messages from unauthorized access. (*Kobata*, col. 2, lines 18-22).

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the applicable objections and rejections have been overcome.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1078 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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